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LANDINGS BY FISHING VESSELS AT SEATTLE DURING OCTOBER

In 131 trips to North Pacific grounds during October, a total of 2,477,000 pounds of fishery products, valued at \$203,000, was landed at Seattle, Washington, by United States vessels in the halibut fleet, according to figures released today by the Seattle Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

This compares with 3,068,000 pounds, valued at \$301,000 for the previous month; and 3,472,000 pounds, worth \$339,000, for October 1939. Totals for the first ten months now show 21,450,000 pounds landed, worth \$2,036,000 to the fishermen—a slight decrease of approximately 1,200,000 pounds in production, but an increase in value of \$187,000 over the same period last year.

While the total landings for the first ten months of 1940 are still 2.3 million pounds short of the total for the entire year of 1939, the value for the ten-month period of 1940 has already exceeded that for the twelve months of 1939 by \$106,000.

Halibut landings at Pacific Coast ports during October 1940 by both United States and Canadian vessels in the regular fleet were 1,891,000 pounds for October—1,857,000 pounds being landed by American vessels and the remainder of 34,000 pounds by Canadian vessels. For the first ten months of 1940, as revised

in accordance with the latest available data from the International Fisheries Commission, the halibut fleets have landed a total of 50,887,000 pounds. For the same period a year ago, 49,430,000 pounds were landed.

October receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers from vessels not in the halibut fleet show 3,524,000 pounds, spread among 23 classifications of fish and shellfish, valued at \$199,000. This is comparable to 3,234,000 pounds, worth \$193,000, for October 1939. Totals for the first ten months of 1940 are now 24,632,000 pounds, valued at \$1,573,000, compared with a catch of 21,347,000 pounds, valued at \$1,249,000, for the same period last year—increases of 15 percent in volume, and 26 percent in value.

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